

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1631-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	<u>Prior Application:</u>
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Wendelin FRICK et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1626
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1.53(b) Continuation of U.S. Appl. No.)	Examiner: D. Lambkin
10/201,050, filed July 24, 2002)	
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For: BENZOTHIOPINE 1,1-DIOXIDE DERIVATIVES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION, PHARMACEUTICALS COMPRISING THESE COMPOUNDS,
AND THEIR USE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add a first paragraph of the application as follows:

-- This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No.
10/201,050, filed on July 24, 2002, which is a continuation of Application No.
09/773,772, filed February 2, 2001, which is a continuation of Application No.
09/398,315, filed September 20, 1999, which a continuation of International
Application No. PCT/EP99/03743, filed May 29, 1999, all of which are
incorporated herein by reference. --